

7 Oct 30 - 1691

Joseph Edward Bafford son of Sarah Edward late Servant to Capt. John King was this day brought into Court and Comy made appearal to the Court that his sd Sarah in her life time gave her sd Joseph her Son to William King and the Court Confirms the sd Joseph to the sd King till he be one & twenty years of age. the sd Joseph being two years old tomorrow viz the first day of October Anno 1691. And the sd King in Court assynd to give the sd Joseph a yearling Heifer when he attains to 4 years of Seaventeen years.

St C. 2. 2. 39. - Petrs by recognizance bound to appear at next Court as also his wife Son Thomas and Daughter Susan: the said Page this day according to his bond appeared in Court. And the sd Court Ordered that the sd Stephen should give New Security for the above sd appearance at the next County Court to be holden the second Tuesday in November, to answer unto what should be shewed agt him on his Master Chal. Thomas Gifford. George Ruffell & Waller Read. and the sd Page came to his New Security wth M. Col. Toul and Dr. John: Gifford but before the Court could enter Bonds of recognizance the said Stephen Page absented himself, not being Comitted into Sheriff's Custody.

Mary: Davis per Petition to the W<sup>t</sup> Justices of Somerford County now in Court sitting Annex.

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The humble Relation of Mary Davis & her humblye spouse, that by

Joy: Hobbs: answr  
Petition of Thomas Hobbs and his wife did bid her Child by name George  
Davis, mle Harry son Joy: Hobbs, but by Relation not being Capable of  
Gravity, your Relation have that they might be vaid that your Relation might hear them for her Satisfaction  
but it would not be granted, but since your Relation hath had them vaid they are not according to agreement, and  
furthermore the people will say that I have ruined my Child by putting him to them, therefore your Relation humbly  
crasht your worps would be pleased for to take it into your frind Consideration, and grant her Child again under  
her, and your poor petition in duly shall & be pray.

Then was this following Indenture made by

the 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1691. Made the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1691. It witnesseth that Mary Davis, widow of County  
of Somerford of the Province of Maryland hath placed and putt into my Son George Davis mle Joy: Hobbs my  
servt, Esquror's deuise master for until he be at the full age of One & twenty years from the day of his birth to  
him in any lawfull service he shall employ him, during his time to be joy: Hobbs doth Covenant to find unto George  
Davis his apprentice, suffitient meat drinke and apparel washing & Lodging sufficient for him, and at the full  
year of his age the same Joy: Hobbs is to give the sd George One Cow Calf and all the Smals intendant, and if the same  
Calf should fail, then he to give him another Cow Calf, and to do by him as his owne, to give him Learning & to use his  
meadabour to teach him the trade of a Cooper, and Carpenter as far as he shewth himselfe as truly as if he were his own  
Child, and at the expiracion of his sevnty, to give him two suits of apparel. One for Sabbath days, the other for  
working days, & the performance of whiche promises to do bind my selfe in writing whereof no man interthengably  
seth our hands and seals.

Joy: Hobbs. B sealed and.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of us  
Robert Crout & Thomas Portman.

He promises to me Considered this Court Orders that Mary: Davis  
withe its apparel to gallant the sd Mary: work done for sd Hobbs.